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1. WE AGREED WITH AMBASSADORS SAWAKI AND OHKI PLUS UKAWA SEPT. 29 TO SCHEDULE BILATERAL AGRICULTURE NEGOTIATIONS STARTING MONDAY, OCT. 16, CONTINUING THROUGHOUT THE WEEK AS NECESSARY. PREPARATORY SESSIONS AT UKAWA-CULBERT LEVEL MAY START AROUND OCT. 4 IF FOREIGN MINISTRY IS ABLE TO GET MAF APPROVAL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

2. FOREGOING UNDERSTANDING REACHED AFTER LENGTHY CHICKEN-AND-EGG-TYPE DISCUSSION OF WHICH COMES FIRST: BEEF AND CITRUS OR OTHER ITEMS. WE AGREED TO DISCUSS ALL ITEMS WITH THE WEEK'S OBJECTIVE BEING TO REACH A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO ALL OUTSTANDING U.S. REQUESTS SUBMITTED UNDER PROCEDURES OF GROUP AGRICULTURE (WITH SINGLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXCEPTION OF CIGARETTES AND CIGARS WHICH WILL BE TAKEN UP IN TOKYO IN TFC CONTEXT) AND, WITH RESPECT TO BEEF AND CITRUS, TO ATTEMPT TO NARROW PRESENT DIFFERENCES OF POSITIONS AND, IF POSSIBLE, TO FORMULATE AD REFERENDUM RECOMMENDATIONS ON BOTH BEEF AND CITRUS FOR CONSIDERATION BY AMBASSADORS STRAUSS AND MINISTER NAKAGAWA.

3. AMBASSADOR MCDONALD EMPHASIZED REPEATEDLY THAT SOLUTIONS ON BEEF AND CITRUS WOULD NOT MARK A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION TO OUR AGRICULTURAL NEGOTIATIONS, BUT THE ABSENCE OF PROGRESS IN THE OTHERS WOULD ONLY ELEVATE THE NEXT ONES IN LINE TO THE POLITICAL FOREFRONT. WE THEREFORE PROPOSED THAT THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN ON THE OTHER PRODUCTS FIRST AND OPPOSED THE IDEA OF SEQUENCING BEEF AND CITRUS FIRST, THEREBY ONLY GETTING TO THE OTHERS AFTER A BEEF AND CITRUS SOLUTION. MCDONALD FURTHER EMPHASIZED THAT THE U.S. WOULD VIGOROUSLY OPPOSE ANY EFFORTS TO NARROW THE NEGOTIATIONS TO BEEF AND CITRUS.

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